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During call on new Minister Defense Al-Alam today he asked me whether US planned carry out commitment equip 1000 men for Libyan army during FY [illegible]. I told him categorically that we will keep our word. Added, however, that since Anglo Libyan conversations had [illegible] we felt we must know what plans US and UK have made before we can finalize our thinking into expansion in intelligent fashion. Moreover, do not feel [illegible] new exercise continue expand Libyan army as agreed [illegible]

Al-Alam replied that UK definitely does expect UK proceed as agreed and speed up delivery base equipment 1000 men here in January and have men in by [illegible]. Said things unlikely move that fast. Al-Alam emphasized [illegible] conversation GOL's need have "something [illegible]"

Comment: [illegible] is for Embassy London ascertain whether British [illegible] their position Libya justifies moving ahead [illegible] light recent developments. If UK plans go ahead, [illegible] is long-delayed Anglo American staff talks follow [illegible] American-Libyan staff talks to agree on firm [illegible]

If UK unwilling [illegible] by existing present rate at cost which Libya, believe [illegible] for US to announce [illegible] proposal in Libyan report and [illegible] with completely American trained and equipped army.

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